(i) Livelihood Advancement Business School: The objective of the project is to identify and make available potential livelihood options for 35,000 below poverty line (BPL) youth in the age group of 18-35 years and train them in skills according to the market requirements, thereby working towards achieving the goal of poverty reduction. Dr. Reddy's Foundation is to implement the project In 7 States. The total cost of the project is Rs. 14 Crores, out of which the Government share is 75%.

(ii) Self-Help Group Mobilization, Capacity Building and Credit Linkage: The objective of the project is group mobilization.capacity building and credit linkage of the Self Help Groups (SHG). ICICI Bank will be implementing the project in two states to promote SHG of BPL beneficiaries. The total cost of the project is Rs. 15 Crores over a period of five years to be borne by the Central Government. An amount of Rs. 15,000/-will be provided by the Government per SHG as the cost of group formation. The credit will be provided by ICICI Bank from their own resources.

The Ministry of Rural Development has also held consultations with the Private Sector including Confederation of Indian Industries (Cll) for formulating a restructured Provision of Urban Amenities in Rural Areas (PURA) Scheme.

Beneficiaries under SGSY

2856. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any concurrent evaluation of the implementation of Swarnajayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana was conducted during recent years;

(b) if so what was the percentage of beneficiaries from Below Poverty Line class under the said scheme;

(c) whether it is a fact that some ineligible people have also been benefited from SGSY;

(d) if so, the details and the percentage of such people, State-wise; and

(e) the details of the measures taken for more effective monitoring of SGSY?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir. A concurrent evaluation of Swarnajayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY) was carried out in 2002-03 for evaluating the performance of SGSY for the years 1999-2000 to 2001-02.

(b) Of the total sampled swarojgaries, 92.68% belong to Below Poverty Line category. Only 7.32% of the total swarojgaries were found to be above the poverty line.

(c) and (d) Though the programme has been successful in reaching the targeted groups, a few instances have been reported where some ineligible people have taken the benefits under the scheme. No data relating to the percentage of such ineligible people has been provided in the concurrent evaluation. It can be assumed to be very small.

(e) the following measures have been taken up to make monitoring of the SGSY more effective:

(i) Developing a software and introducing a system of online monitoring of fund release to DRDA/States. All the DRDAs had been linked with the Ministry of Rural Development for sending their progress reports/quarterly progress report. This has helped the process of fund allocation transparent a? well as fast.

(ii) Regular review of the programme in the meetings of the State Level SGSY Committees in each States/ UT and by the Central Level Coordination Committee.

(iii) Vigilance and Monitoring Committees have been formed at the State, District and Block levels for monitoring of the implementation of the programme. Local MPs and MLAs are the members of the District and Block Level Committees.

(iv) Regularly monitoring of the programme at the State/Central Level, on the basis of Monthly, and Annual Progress Reports.

(v) Visit of the Area Officers of the Ministry at regular intervals to State/DRDAs.

(vi) The Ministry has started obtaining the information from the State Government regarding holding of State Level Coordination Committee (SLCC) and State Level Banking Committee (SLBC) meetings.

Road Links under PMGSY

†2857. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 1,41,085 rural settlements were targeted for providing road links in the country by March, 2005 under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether this target has actually been achieved; and

(d) if not, the percentage of target achieved by that period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana envisaged connectivity to all unconnected rural habitations with population of 500 persons and above (250 in the case of Hill States, tribal (Schedule V) areas and desert areas) through all-weather road by the end of the Tenth Plan period.

(c> and (d) 1,72,787 habitations were found eligible for coverage under the programme, against which, States have reported coverage of 27,833 habitations till May, 2006.

Awas Guarantee Yojana

†2858. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Awas Guarantee Yojana is being formulated for the rural people;

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